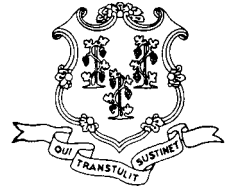




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Connecticut State Police and the Office of the State Fire Marshal Investigate Arson at Norwalk Court – GA 20

On February 25, 2004, at approximately 11:26pm, the Norwalk Fire Department responded to a fire in the Norwalk Superior Court, GA 20, located at 17 Beldon Avenue, in Norwalk. The fire was rapidly extinguished by the Norwalk Fire Department. Subsequent investigation by the Connecticut State Police, Western District Major Crime Squad working with the assistance of Fire Investigators from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, has determined that the fire was intentionally set. State Police Detectives have located an incendiary device that is believed to have been thrown through a first floor window, into an administrative office within the Clerk's Office. The Norwalk Superior Court remains open today.

There were no injuries and the fire was contained to one administrative office causing a significant amount of damage that has yet to be determined. No court files were destroyed. Individuals assigned with a court appearance today are advised to report to the Norwalk Superior Court, as directed.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact the Connecticut State Police at 203-696-2500.

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